

COVID-19 Long-term Care Report

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COVID-19 surveillance data are updated when new information about a case is reported, such as exposure and case information. Given the dynamic nature of COVID-19 surveillance data, data reported in the past may not match data reported in present time. Facilities with multiple acuity levels are assigned to the highest acuity level. Additionally, there may be a long period of incomplete reporting. The number of cases and deaths associated with long-term care (LTC) may not be complete for the last several weeks.

The data in this report is reflective of all cases reported as of 03/03/2022.

Please note that the data presented in this report reflect the recent addition of cases likely associated with a long-term care facility through address or telephone match to the facility. These cases have not been associated with a LTC facility by Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJ), and case counts may therefore differ between LHJ and DOH. Cases associated with a LTC facility are those where the case association with a facility is noted in case interview, medical record, facility line list, or another measure indicated by the LHJ. Cases likely associated with a LTC facility were found to be associated through address or telephone match to the LTC facility.

Please note that the COVID-19 re-infection definition has been recently updated. Cases that previously tested positive will be considered re-infections if the positive lab tests were more than 90 days apart. This new definition will be implemented for re-infection dates after 9/01/2021.

Due to the Omicron surge, local health jurisdictions' capacity to investigate and report outbreaks to DOH have been impacted. Therefore, the total number of cases and outbreaks are likely an incomplete representation.

Summary

Total LTC-Associated Cases: 36,723 (of which 7,073 are likely associated)

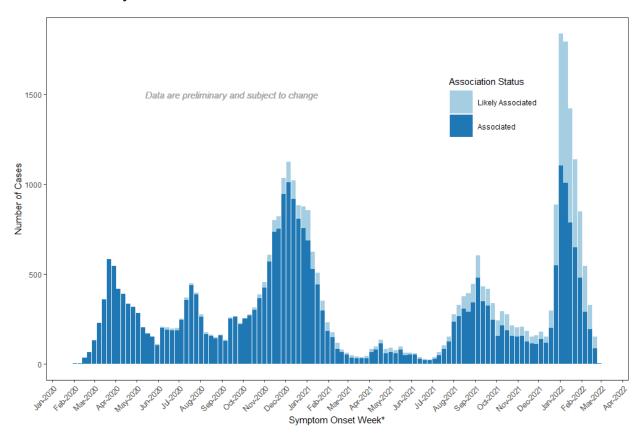
Total LTC-Associated Deaths: 3,586 (of which 301 are likely associated)

As of 03/03/2022, a total of 36,723 COVID-19 cases (3% of total cases) and 3,586 deaths (30% of total deaths) have been identified as associated or likely associated with a long-term care facility (i.e., nursing home, assisted living facility or adult family home). These cases include residents as well as employees and visitors. Not all of these cases were exposed at a LTC facility. Many cases visited multiple places during their exposure period, and some individuals may have visited a LTC facility after disease onset. COVID-19 cases are identified by a positive PCR or antigen test.



LTC-Associated and Likely Associated Cases by Illness Onset Date

This epidemiologic curve shows the number of LTC-associated and likely associated cases over time by week of onset. If onset date is not known, diagnosis date or report date are used. Since there may be reporting delays, data are incomplete for the most recent weeks. Cases found to have association through case investigation are displayed as "Associated", while cases found to have association through address or telephone match to a facility are marked as "Likely Associated".

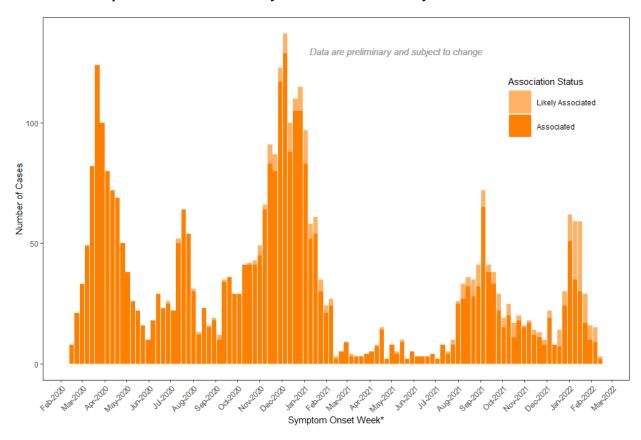


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Deaths with LTC-Association and Likely Association by Illness Onset Date

This epidemiologic curve shows the number of deaths reported as having an association or likely association to long-term care by onset date in weeks. If onset date is not known, diagnosis date or report date are used. Since there may be reporting delays, data are incomplete for the most recent weeks. Cases found to have association through case investigation are displayed as "Associated", while cases found to have association through address or telephone match to a facility are marked as "Likely Associated".



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LTC-Associated and Likely Associated Cases and Deaths by County

This table displays the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths that have a reported association or likely association with LTC in Washington State by county. Data are preliminary and subject to change. Cases are attributed to their county of residence, not the county in which the facility they are associated with is located. COVID-19 cases are identified by a positive PCR or antigen test. Cases found to have likely association through address or telephone match to a long-term care facility are included in case and death totals reported by county. Likely associated cases are preliminary, and therefore counts may vary between DOH and LHJs.

County	Total LTC Associated and Likely Associated Deaths	Total LTC Associated and Likely Associated Cases
Adams	5	75
Asotin	13	129
Benton	120	1,359
Chelan	40	625
Clallam	29	341
Clark	191	2,390
Columbia	0	14
Cowlitz	61	896
Douglas	5	176
Ferry	0	102
Franklin	25	386
Garfield	0	2
Grant	30	341
Grays Harbor	39	393
Island	30	346
Jefferson	11	91
King	939	6,071
Kitsap	120	1,692
Kittitas	29	236
Klickitat	0	7



County	Total LTC Associated and Likely Associated Deaths	Total LTC Associated and Likely Associated Cases
Lewis	57	725
Lincoln	3	37
Mason	43	361
Okanogan	12	125
Pacific	4	88
Pend Oreille	2	74
Pierce	369	4,374
San Juan	0	3
Skagit	67	938
Skamania	0	7
Snohomish	379	3,976
Spokane	470	4,564
Stevens	20	306
Thurston	102	1,397
Wahkiakum	0	6
Walla Walla	38	518
Whatcom	98	1,002
Whitman	47	356
Yakima	188	2,194